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Serial No.: 09/754,733)
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Filed: January 4, 2001)
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For: ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATING)
SYSTEM, INSTRUMENTATION,)
AND METHOD OF INSTALLATION)

Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: N/A

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS
AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE**

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated February 6, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed, submitted herewith are twenty sheets of corrected formal drawings (Figures 1-84e) as amended and filed in the parent application. Figs. 4, 21, 33, 34, 38, 45, 47, 48, 51, 52, 70, 73, and 81 in the above-captioned application have been amended by adding/correcting various reference numerals. The changes are indicated in red on the ten sheets of originally filed drawings attached to the Drawing Amendment submitted together with this response.

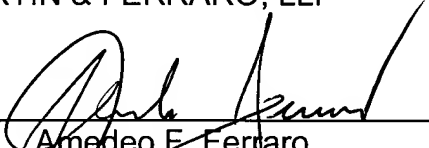
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the submission of revised drawings be

approved and made of record in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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3. Submission of Formal Drawings and 20 Sheets of Formal Drawings (A4 paper; Figs. 1-84e; as amended)
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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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If any fees are necessary for the submission of these formal drawings, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1066.

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DRAWING AMENDMENT

This communication is responsive to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated February 6, 2001. Permission is respectfully sought to substitute the enclosed amended ten (10) sheets of drawings with changes to FIGS. 4, 21, 33, 34, 38, 45, 47, 48, 51, 52, 70, 73, and 81 marked in red for the informal drawings originally submitted with the application identified above.

Should the Examiner have any further questions, please contact the undersigned directly.

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